

(b) being a ligand for L-selectin, the binding of ligand to L-selectin not being inhibited by anti-CD34 antibodies;

(c) being resistant to O-sialoglycoprotein endopeptidase activity;

(d) not being recognized by MECA-79 a monoclonal antibody

(American Type Culture Collection accession number HB-9479) which identifies ligands of L-selectin on lymph node high endothelial venules; and

(e) being sulfation-independent.

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